Hopedale Downtown Revitalization Committee Regular Minutes May 16, 2018

Call to order at 7:30 PM

Chair Jason Mac Donald called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the Hopedale Housing Authority Community Room.

Present: Jason Mac Donald, Don Howes, Michael Collins, Deborah Montville, Jim Abbruzzese, David Guglielmi, Stephen Chaplin, and Ellen Murphy, also present Tom Wesley, Hopedale Board of Selectmen, Steven Sette, Town Administrator, Michael Milanoski, President, Grafton Upton Railroad, Ted Carr. Absent Committee member, David DeVore

There was no Public Comment to start the meeting.

Prior to the meeting presentation Chair MacDonald asked for volunteers for a minute's keeper, school liaison and town facilities communicator. There were no volunteers for a minute's keeper, so Chair MacDonald stated he would ask if everyone would take a turn, still no volunteer Deb Montville agreed to be the school liaison and Mike Collins the town facilities communicator.

As per the agenda, discussion began with a summary on the Urban Renewal Plan and on the 2007 reuse study that was done previously on the mill. Michael Milanoski (MM) President of the Grafton Upton Railroad provided background information on the 2007 Reuse study and gave a summary of what an urban renewal development might look like for the mill site this included a concept plan and infrastructure, the Mill River and planning and use study areas.

Following discussion, the committee agreed to use the reuse study as a template to build on. A motion was made by Stephen, seconded by Don Howes to approve the 2007 reuse study as a template to build on but not to be limited to. All voted in favor.

A motion was made to adjourn by Steve Chaplin, seconded by Ellen Montville at 9:30 PM